

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### **2019 AFAC Awards of Distinction**

The Alberta Farm Animal Care Awards of Distinction were initiated in 2001 to recognize individuals or groups who have made exceptional contributions in the field of livestock welfare. These individuals or organizations work hard to advance the mandate of AFAC and the welfare of livestock in Alberta. They apply new, innovative ideas and management practices to improve and ensure high standards of animal wellbeing. They understand the public's need for assurance that farm animals are raised humanely. They can be held up as examples of those who are making a difference.

#### **Award Categories**

##### The Award of Distinction for Communication

This award honours those that take an active role in effectively telling the story about livestock issues, and informing the public and agri-food industry about farm animal care in a factual and honest way that is credible and builds trust.

##### The Award of Distinction for Industry Leadership

This award honours those who integrate animal welfare into their core business strategy, striving to achieve more than expected regarding animal welfare and setting a higher standard.

##### The Award of Distinction for Innovation

This award honours those who have developed a new process, product, or source of knowledge that has made a significant impact on improving the welfare of livestock and the industry.

Nominees must demonstrate a strong commitment to others through contributions to their community or society, and be recognized by peers as having reached a high level of accomplishment and expertise in their field.

#### **Nomination**

There are many talented individuals or organizations that deserve to be recognized for their outstanding achievements. If you know an individual or organization whose contributions to animal care enhance their community and inspire others, please take a few minutes to summarize (in letter format) why you believe they deserve the award and email the information to AFAC. Please address the accomplishments of the nominee as outlined above.

#### **Selection Process**

The AFAC Board will select the award recipients from among the nominations received, and have the discretion to leave a prize unawarded. There will only be one award in each category selected each year. The decisions of the Board will be final.

The Executive Director will inform the award recipients on or before March 1, 2019 and will invite them or a representative to receive the award at the Livestock Care Conference on March 21 in Olds, Alberta. AFAC is not able to reimburse the award winners or their representatives for their expenses in travelling to the conference to receive the awards.

The names of the award recipients and the award citations will be posted on AFAC's website and published in AFAC updates and media releases following the conference.

***Nomination deadline is February 15, 2019***

Please submit nominations via our website, and/or email Kristen Hall at [kristen@afac.ab.ca](mailto:kristen@afac.ab.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.